**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**7th Sunday after Epiphany or the 102nd Sunday of Covid**

**February 20, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
2) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos>
3) our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

If the video feed is interrupted during the service, we will continue to record and then post the full video on Facebook and our web site as soon as possible.

 Gathering Music: *I've Just Come from the Fountain;
 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken;*

 *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*

Our slideshow today is “The View from Your Window or Door.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Improvisational Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

 **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

 Call to Worship (Revelation 21:6)

 Leader: And let everyone who hears the invitation say, “Come.”

 **People: And let those who thirst come.**

 Leader: All who desire to drink let them take and drink;

 **People: Drink freely from the water of life!**

 **All:** **Let us worship God.**

 Hymn 375: *Shall We Gather at the River* (verses 1, 2, 4)

Verse 1

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

Chorus

**Yes, we’ll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

Verse 2

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will talk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.**

Chorus

Verse 4

**Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.**

Chorus

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious and loving God, there are times when we don’t know what to do with ourselves. We are angry at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We drink in the good news of Jesus Christ and do not consider the deep commitment to follow. We withhold from others the cup of refreshing water that is your love and grace. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (John 1:9, 14, 17)

 Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone came into the world.

 **People: The Word became flesh and lived among us.
 We have seen his glory!**

 Leader: We have received grace and truth from Jesus Christ.
 Let us declare the good news.

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
 Alleluia!**

 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Janey Sarther

 For children worshiping in the sanctuary, please stay with your families during the Word
 with Children. When our Covid rules change, we will welcome you back up front.

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lesson: John 7:37-52

 Sermon: “Living Water”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) Revelation 21:5-6

**And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”**

 Hymn 821: *My Life Flows On*  (verses 1, 4)

Verse 1

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

Chorus

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

Verse 4

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?**

Chorus

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 Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **People**: **hear our prayers.**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory: *Living Waters* Keith & Kristyn Getty

 \**Doxology* Hymnal #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

 Hymn 81: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (verses 1, 3)

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

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 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!
 All: Alleluia! Amen!**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Ann Anderson, Francine Long, Blair Nelson
Deacon at the Door: Angela Smith

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today celebrate the wedding anniversary of Alec and Jessica Parks.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. No food or beverages will be served at this time; everyone must remain masked and try to keep social distancing in mind.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note that **we will not offer Zoom fellowship** **until further notice**. Our deacons will explore other ways to stay connected.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.** via Zoom. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355
You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden at 4:16 p.m. each week Tuesday through Friday.

Even though we have returned to in-person worship, we will also continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15)
at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship posted on our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos> or by going to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Bearing Fruit – February 20, 2022
We Did SUPER!**

Southminster has been supporting the People’s Resource Center for years. In all that time, people were leaving food donations near the Prayer Table as they entered our sanctuary. During the pandemic, however, we stepped up our game by collecting at our members’ – the Freys’ – home. Beginning in March 2020, their Lincoln Hill Subdivision and Southminster partnered in leaving groceries, toiletries, and other items on the front porch of the Frey home. Now, our collection is back at the church, just inside of our main entrance. Of course, we continued the tradition of collecting especially for Super Bowl Sunday – the “Souper Bowl” collection! We outdid ourselves this year! The staff at the People’s Resource Center was amazed at the donations. Perhaps your team lost in the Super Bowl, but our neighbors have won because of your generous hearts. Let’s keep up the good work of loving our neighbors.

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Here is an upcoming opportunity to share your photos:
**March 6**: “**Hobbies**” What are your hobbies—how do you spend your “free time?”
 Send photos by March 3.

Send photos to David Kozich, who assembles the PowerPoints: kozichd1@gmail.com. (Email is preferred, but if you need to send a photo to David by text, call the church office to get his cell phone number.) Include ***the date and slideshow title for which your photos are to be used.***

We are interested in your ideas for slideshows. Please connect with Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com or with Pastor Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. Please note that we try to confirm slideshow content a month in advance.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: We return to our study of Nahum today at 11:15 a.m. Join us by using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355
We should finish Nahum soon, then it is on to 2 John.

**Youth:** We don’t have a quorum for today, so we won’t meet. Enjoy the President’s Day weekend. But be sure to put **Pizzaless Games** on the calendar for next Sunday, February 27, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. See you then!

**The Talent Show is coming!**A good act takes some time to prepare, so drag your hidden talent into the light, get the band back together, start writing your script, warm up the kazoo, and get your act together for our **Annual Talent Show** on April 24. The format depends on what the virus does (We will be consulting state mandates.), so you may be recording your act ahead of time. Church facilities will be available (and encouraged in order to have consistence of quality). Watch for details to come.
 **From the Worship Ministry**Worship Ministry is actively planning the upcoming Lenten Season and Easter. There will be a **Taizé worship service on Ash Wednesday**, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A full Easter schedule will be in the March *Dialog*.
Worship Ministry is still in need of liturgists, Word with Children leaders, and musicians. We are also always looking for people to join the Worship Arts Team to help beautify the sanctuary for both regular and special services. Come join us!

**Flowers costs are going up!**Due to rising costs, our Sunday flower supplier***,*** *Green Branch Florist*, will be increasing the price of weekly flowers to $35.00 for 2022. This is completely reasonable, as they have worked very hard to keep the flower cost at $30.00 for many years. For anyone who has already **pre-paid** $30 for your 2022 flowers, no additional monies need to be sent to church. But going forward, all flower arrangements in 2022 will be $35.00.

Very few dates are still open: April 3, April 10, and October 23 are available, at least as of today. Please check the flower chart in the narthex or email Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com with your choice of date and honoree and make $35 check out to SPC with “flowers” in the memo line.

**Easter Flowers – Order deadline is today, February 20!**Easter may be late this year (April 17), but we need to think about flowers early: Due to supply chain issues and in order to secure the same vendor who provided the beautiful flowers we had last year, **we need to order Easter flowers by Sunday, February 20**!

We would love to have at least **8 Easter lilies** (2 stem plants @ $28 each) and **8 pink azalea plants** (6” pots @ $25 each) to beautify the sanctuary on Easter. Sign up at church or email your requests to Sarah Allen ([ridesrowdy@aol.com](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5COwner%5CDesktop%5C2020%20Pandemic%2001-28-22%20update%5CDialog%5CFebruary%202022%5Cridesrowdy%40aol.com)). Checks should be mailed to SPC with “Easter flowers” on the memo line. Thanks to everyone who will help fill our sanctuary with color and beauty on Easter morning.

**Come join the Presbyterian Women for a fun filled Purse Auction!
Sunday, February 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**
All ages are welcome! There will be a variety of new and gently used purses (some with surprises inside!) available for auction in person or online.

**Joining in person**: Please come prepared to adhere to current Covid-19 guidelines. All attendees must wear a mask indoors and consent to contact tracing. Socially-distanced seating will be available.
**Joining online**: For the first time, we will also feature our purse auction via our Facebook page! We will have a live stream of the purses available and the auction action. Use the link to watch; to bid on an item, simply add a comment.
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

**Donations**: A box is in the coatroom to collect purses and small (must fit inside a purse) white elephant donations to enhance our sale. All purses must be new or good condition and must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Women’s fund.

**From the Mission Ministry
Luminaria Sunday** is next Sunday, February 27. The deadline for ordering luminary bags is past, but if you haven’t yet paid, please be sure to send your check to the church. The check should be made out to the **American Cancer Society**.

Coming soon – **March Mission Madness**, in which your competitive spirit benefits the missions that Southminster sponsors! Keep your eye on NCAA men’s basketball and watch for upcoming Dialog and eBlast information about how you can join the fun.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey): **Note the change in our ordering schedule!**
For the next few months, we will be taking orders for gift cards *only on the first Sunday of the month*. The next opportunity to order will be March 6.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We continue to make weekly deliveries of donated food, personal items, paper goods, etc. to PRC. No donation is too small! Everything is greatly appreciated and put to good use. The collection box is in the entryway of the church. Donations can also be dropped off on the Freys’ front porch.

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, we are still collecting prayer requests! Please leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149.

***Friends, with our new communication style the eNotes Joys and Concerns (sent most Wednesdays) will include new information and members’ ongoing concerns. For the eNotes/Dialog (sent on the first Wednesday of the month) and Sunday bulletins our list will be full and complete.***
**Joys and Concerns
The flowers today** celebrate the wedding anniversary of Alec and Jessica Parks.

**We celebrate joys:**  - Noah Salins, named an Illinois State Scholar

**Answered Prayers:** - Barb’s cousin, Mike, whose health has stabilized - still in the hospital but out of ICU.
 **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Jewish congregations dealing with vandalism of synagogues in Chicago
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.
 **We pray for those who mourn:** - Our good friend, Bill Curry, died in his sleep Thursday night. No decisions have been made yet about a service. We pray for comfort and peace for Gretchen and for Bill’s family and friends. Gretchen asks please, no calls until after today (Sunday).
 - for the family and friends of Ret. Fire Chief Jim Lamonte, a friend of Lanny’s
 - for the family and friends of Debbie, who died after a long struggle with cancer. She was the sister of the Rasnics’ friend, Karen.
  - Barbara Williams on the death of her husband, Chris
  - Prayers for the family of former member Nancy Reinecke, who died February 1
  - Karen Evensen (a friend of Angela Smith and Lynn Ferino) and her mother, Joan Treland, on the loss of Jon Lash, who died of COVID. He was Joan’s brother, Karen’s uncle.
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn: Ellinghausen, Fitzgerald, Fournier, Hume, Jablonski, Meester, Rogers, Shepherd, Zink
 **We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  - Dan Bohi
 - John Wallace, former longtime member of Southminster, recently diagnosed with cancer
 - Kurt Parent (a friend of several Southminster members), facing cancer surgery this spring
  - Karin Formento, wife of Mike Formento, a friend of Wendy’s
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer
  - Beverly Webb, Bill Curry's sister, who had previously undergone treatment for ovarian cancer but now expects additional treatment after a scan showed cancer in some lymph nodes.
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith, recovering from a very painful surgery, but they believe they got 100% of the cancer. She is very grateful for her prayer shawl and wears it every day.
  - Katie Boehmer’s father, Rod Boehmer
  - Harlene Sperling, a friend of the Boden-Nelson family. She is also very grateful for her prayer shawl.
 - Jim Rundquist, friend of Angela Smith, colon surgery
 **We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**  - Prayers for our leaders as they discern the wise way forward  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school, travel, work, and other activities, and all those who are still feeling vulnerable.
  - Those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic

**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.**
 - Angela’s father, Frank who will be having cataract surgery
  - Ed Koska, who is receiving care at Tabor Hills
  - Jan Kaskovich’s mother, Norma, who is having health problems. Jan is with her now
to help.
 - former pastor Rich Thompson, hospitalized following a fall
  - Katha, a friend of Jeziorskis, health complications
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
 - Carolyn Hudson, friend of Angela Smith, continued recovery from brain aneurism surgery
 - Renne Lorton, friend of Angela Smith, recovering from hip replacement surgery
  - the many people who struggle with depression
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
 **We pray for those who are far from home.**
**We continue to pray for our friends and family who work in the health fields**: **nurses, doctors, and all other health care workers.**
**Food Pantries**: Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, People’s Resource Center, Lakeview Food Pantry, and our members who serve them
**Local government bodies/boards**: Prayers for the DuPage County Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn Board, the boards of the local school districts: 41, 44, 87, 89, 200, COD, and our library boards.

**Caring for you!**Our **Congregational Care Committee** is ready to assist in time of need. If you need assistance from the Congregational Care Ministry or Helping Hands in February, call Deacon Heidi Shierry (630-853-6836). You may call Pastor Wendy Boden on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you) or leave a message for her at the church office: 630-469-9149. Email Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. (Please note that she can only read email when she is in the office.) You may also call your deacon if you need help from the church.

Barb is in the office most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (8:45-11:00 most days) while her son attends his day program part-time. (Additional changes to her office hours may be made based on the scheduling at the day program. When she is not in the office, she’s working from home.)

Grace and peace to you! Remember that we love God and neighbor. Our address is 680 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 if you would like to set up an online account with your bank or mail in your pledge.

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Sunday, February 20
Deadline to order Easter flowers.** See the announcement (above)from the Worship Ministry. **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service. During winter fellowship gatherings will be in the narthex, masked and distanced, no food or drinks served.
 **Online Fellowship** is canceled until further notice. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **No Youth group today**
**Monday, February 21** – **Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, February 22** **Endowment meeting** at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, February 23** **eNotes** go out but it is also the **deadline for the March 2 eNotes/Dialog**
**Thursday, February 24
 Nominating** at 7:30 p.m. via Google Meet **Friday, February 25**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday, February 27
Luminaria Sunday** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
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 **Purse Auction** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and on Facebook Live
 **Youth: Pizzaless Games** in Fellowship Hall from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:
**Wednesday, March 2**, is ***Ash Wednesday***.
 The March 2 **eNotes/Dialog** goes out. (The deadline for articles is February 23.)
 **Ash Wednesday Taizé Prayer Service** at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and streamed live
**Wednesday, March 9** is the **deadline for narrative reports for the annual reports** packets. Moderators and staff, please take note.